MR. E. G. SALTER: It is a case of "beggars cannot be choosers". We are operating the services to the utmost of our ability and whatever may be our desire we are powerless to do anything more, in the absence of more vehicles.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is heavier traffic between Quilon and Trivandrum than formerly?

MR. E. G. SALTER; Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether in view of that it is desirable to start an express service?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Am I to understand that the honourable member recommends that we should take away vehicles from another route and use them for the Quilon—Trivandrum route?

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether it is not better to have two vehicles taken away from the Trivandrum-Nagercoil route so that they may run between Trivandrum and Quilon?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The idea underlying such a suggestion is that because there is apparent satisfaction in one route the number of services in that route may be reduced and utilised for the benefit of another route. The services which are being operated in the various routes are roughly in accordance with public demand. That is to say, if there are 1000 passengers per day in one route and 500 passengers in another route, we are providing twice the number of buses in the former route than in the latter route.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether it is not possible to run an express service between Quilon and Trivandrum?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I am afraid it is not possible.

PRESIDENT: What is the point in this "Express Service", Mr. Salter?

MR. E. G. SALTER: It is in the nature of a first class service. The buses do not stop except at certain defined places and reach their destination quicker than the ordinary buses.

PRESIDENT: Why should there be any Express Service at all in Travancore at present?

MR. E. G. SALTER: That is a matter of opinion. The service was introduced for the benefit of people who cannot use their own cars for want of petrol.

PRESIDENT: My own view is that the Express Services should be stopped forthwith. At this moment when there is difficulty in obtaining petrol and tyres I do not see any necessity for providing greater comforts to certain people. I hope the department will take steps to stop the Express Service forthwith.

Express Service of the State Transport.

195 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the expenses incurred till 25-10-1117 for starting and running the Express Service of the State Transport; and

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(*b*) the collections received on account of the Express Service till 25-10-1117?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) This information is not available as it is not possible to segregate costs under individual routes or vehicles. The all—in cost per mile for the entire Department, however, comes to 8·78 chackrams.

(*b*) Rs. 56,820-18-0 or 8·87 chackrams per mile.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I take it that the Express is not running at a loss?

MR. E. G. SALTER; The Express Service is running at a profit.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): ലാഭം എത്രത്തോളമുണ്ടെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

PRESIDENT: The question does not arise.

Appointments by the Public Service Commissioner.

196. *MR. **KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether there are persons who have not entered service according to the orders of appointment by the Public Service Commissioner issued between Chingom 1116 and 5th of Mithunam 1117;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(*c*) the number of such orders which had consequently to be cancelled?

MR. S. N. URE: (*Public Service Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes, there are some persons who failed to join duty during the period.

(*b*) Mostly due to illness, employment elsewhere, etc.

(*c*) No separate register is maintained for the purpose.

The time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to the possible benefit to be derived therefrom.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: സുഖക്കേടു നിമിത്തം ജോലിയിൽ പ്രവേശിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വന്നവരെ തിരികെ ജോലിയിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചിക്കുന്നതിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. S. N. URE: Yes, Sir, they can try again.

Appointments made on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner.

197. *MR. **K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** (*Kunnathad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of persons now in service, appointed to posts carrying a pay of Rs. 40 and above, on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner, from Chingom 1116 till 23-7-1117?

MR. S. N. URE: The required statement is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix I.

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